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SUBJECT: ~~●~~ MORE ON PST DISAPPEARANCES

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4018

1. ~~●~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ARRESTS/
DISAPPEARANCES OF PST MEMBERS IN ROSARIO WHICH BECAUSE
OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE SOURCE WE COULD NOT INCLUDE
IN REFTEL.

3. OUR SOURCE, WELL PLACED TO HAVE FIRSTHAND INFORMATION
ON THIS INCIDENT, TOLD US LATE MAY 13 THAT A NUMBER
OF PST MEMBERS HAD BEEN ROUNDED UP IN ROSARIO BY THE
ARMY. THE OPERATION, HE CLAIMED, WAS UNAUTHORIZED,
UNDERTAKEN ON THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL ARMY SECURITY FORCES
IN ROSARIO, AND AGAINST STANDING ORDERS. RESPONSIBLE
SECURITY OFFICERS IN BUENOS AIRES WERE TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN
OUT THE "MESS", ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE. HE SAID THAT
HE EXPECTED THE DETAINEES TO APPEAR SHORTLY IN POLICE
CUSTODY CHARGED WITH BEING MEMBERS OF AN OUTLAWED POLITICAL
PARTY.

4. IN DISCUSSING THIS CASE, THE SOURCE ONCE AGAIN
REVIEWED FOR US WHAT HE SWORE WERE THE VERY HARD ORDERS
THAT WENT OUT LATE LAST YEAR FOR SECURITY PRO-
CEDURES:

A. ACTIVE MONTONEROS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SO-CALLED
SPECIAL INFANTRY TROOPS (ITEI) AND SPECIAL AGITATION
TROOPS (ITEA) WILL BE DEALT WITH AS BEFORE: TORTURE
AND SUMMARY EXECUTION BEING THEIR LOT.

B. OPERATIONS AGAINST ALL OTHER GROUPS WILL BE CON-
DUCTED OPENLY AND WITHIN THE ARGENTINE LEGAL SYSTEM.
IF, FOR EXAMPLE, PST MEMBERS ARE ARRESTED, THE ARREST SHOULD
BE ACKNOWLEDGED AND THE DETAINEE FORMALLY ARRAIGNED
BEFORE A JUDGE. OUR SOURCE CLAIMED THAT THESE ORDERS
EXTEND TO PAST AND PRESENT "PERIPHERAL" MONTONERO
MEMBERS--INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUSPECTED OF BEING
SYMPATHIZERS OR WHO MAY HAVE IN THE PAST COOPERATED IN
A FAIRLY LOW LEVEL WAY BUT ARE NOW INACTIVE. THE
SECURITY FORCES, HE CLAIMED, HAVE INFORMATION--SOME OF
IT VERY FLIMSY--ON ABOUT 500-600 SUCH "PERIPHERAL"
MONTONEROS PRESENTLY IN ARGENTINA. THE FORCES ARE
PROHIBITED FROM CONDUCTING CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS
AGAINST THEM AND DO NOT HAVE THE TRAINING OR THE DESIRE
TO PURSUE THEM LEGALLY.

5. IN DISCUSSING THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO EXTRA-
JUDICIAL TACTICS AGAINST MONTONEROS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF
THE TEA AND TIE, ENBOFF ASKED WHY THE MILITARY DID NOT
FEEL IT POSSIBLE TO BRING THESE PEOPLE BEFORE FORMAL
COURTS, EVEN MILITARY COURTS. OUR INFORMANT GAVE TWO
REASONS. FIRST, THE SECURITY FORCES NEITHER TRUST NOR
KNOW HOW TO USE LEGAL SOLUTIONS. THE PRESENT METHODS

ARE EASIER AND MORE FAMILIAR. SECOND, THERE IS NO
RESPONSIBLE MILITARY MAN WHO "HAS THE COURAGE" TO
TAKE FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
CONVICTION AND EXECUTION OF A MONTONERO.
UNDER PRESENT RULES "NOBODY" IS RESPONSIBLE ON THE RECORD
FOR THE EXECUTIONS.
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